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SUBJ: WASHINGTON VISIT OF KOREAN MINISTER CHANG

REF: A. SEOUL 3025, B. SEOUL 3142, C. SEOUL 2716

1. DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT, MINISTER CHANG CAN BE EXPECTED TO RAISE FOLLOWING MATTERS: (A) REQUEST CONDITIONAL INCREASE IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES CEILING FROM THAT NEEDED TO FUEL 5000 MWE GENERATING CAPACITY (EXISTING AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION LIMITATION) TO 5200 MWE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION RENEGOTIATION. KOREA ELECTRIC CO. (KECO) IS PUSHING FOR CONSIDERATION OF ABOVE BECAUSE TIMING OF REQUEST FOR BIDS ON NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS 7 AND 8 COULD RESULT IN COMMITMENT TO CONSTRUCT 2000 MWE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY WHILE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION ALLOWS FUEL ENRICHMENT SERVICES FOR ONLY ADDITIONAL 1800 MWE CAPACITY.

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A TOTAL OF 3200 MWE OPERATING CAPACITY HAS ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED TO US SUPPLIED ENRICHMENT SERVICES FOR KORI UNITS 1, 2, 3, AND 4. THIS REQUEST REFLECTS CHANG'S BACKING OF KECO INTEREST IN US SUPPLIERS' BIDDING ON NUCLEAR PLANTS 7 AND 8 ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS (REFTEL A) DESPITE HIS GENERAL CONCERN THAT KECO MAY BE BUILDING TOO MUCH NUCLEAR FUELED GENERATING CAPACITY (REFTEL B). A

POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST COULD FACILITATE SALES
EFFORTS OF US SUPPLIERS.

(BBL REQUEST FOR EXPEDITIOUS TREATMENT OF EXIM LOANS FOR
KORI 3 AND 4 (2 X 1000 MW) NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, SAMCHON-PO
THERMAL POWER PLANTS (2 X 500 MWE) WHICH ARE TO BURN IMPORTED
BITUMINOUS COAL, AND SEOHAE THERMAL POWER PLANTS (2 X 200 MWE)
WHICH ARE TO BURN COMPOSITE FUEL (ANTHRACITE COAL MIXED WITH
BUNKER C OIL).

(C) POSITIVE US RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR HEU (70 PERCENT U-235)
FUEL FOR KOREA ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE TRIGA MARK III
RESEARCH REACTOR.

(D) POSITIVE RESPONSE TO MER PROPOSAL FOR COOPERATION ON SOLAR
ENERGY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.
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